serve to limit the expansion of private dairies and define the area from which they can collect milk".

In order to maintain and increase the supply of liquid milk of the desired quality in the interest of general public, the Govt. has issued milk and Milk Product Order on 9th June, 1992. The Order provides for regulating the production, supply and distribution of milk and milk product. The promulgation of this Order is expected to increase the availability of liquid milk and thereby have the desired effect on the prices of milk and milk product.

Corruption charges against National Heavy Engineering Cooperative Limited

501. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether serious allegations of corruption against the management of National Heavy Engineering Cooperative Limited, Pune, have been levelled;

(b) if so, the details of the allegations;

(c) whether the inquiry officer appointed by the Central Registrar, Cooperative Societies has completed the inquiry and submitted his report;

(d) if so, the details of the allegations substantiated;

(e) whether the C.B.I. enquiry is proposed to be conducted; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c): In pursuance of a complaint received against the National Heavy Engineering Cooperative Limited (NHEC), a statutory enquiry under section 69(1) of Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 was ordered by the Central Registrar. The allegations made related to violation of provisions of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act 1984; distribution of cars by NHEC amongst officials; filling up of the post of Managing Director, NHEC; allowing a person who incurred disqualification to continue as Chairman of NHEC; malpractices and corruption by earlier Managing Director; termination of services of Senior Manager (Accounts); fiscal performance of NHEC not being for the benefit of share holders; unwarranted import of SS Basket; non-receipt of Rs. 7.67 lakhs receivable by NHEC and collusion of NCDC and Cooperative Ministry Officials in allowing alleged malpractices and corruption in NHEC The Enquiry Officer has submitted his report.

(d) None of allegations was found by the Enquiry Officer to have been substantiated. However, in one allegation regarding the net balance of Rs. 7.67 lakhs which was receivable by the NHEC on 30.6.86 and was found by the Enquiry Officer to have been adjusted in the books of society the status report has not been placed before the Board of Directors for approval.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) As no allegations have been found to have been substantiated, the question of referring this matter to CBI does not arise. The Central Registrar has directed the Chairman of the Society to place the matter regarding net balance of Rs. 7.67 lakhs receivable by the NHEC before the Board of Directors for final settlement.

Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme

502. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to have a village as unit for Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?